

PUNNETTS TOWN VILLAGE HALL NEWSLETTER
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At last the building of the new village hall has started. All the drains are in after a few worrying days trying to find the main drain to connect into. The concrete base is down and the blockwork has started. By the time you get this newsletter, it will have changed again. If you haven't already done so, do go along and see the progress. The larger car park area has already been developed although it is not all usable at the moment due to the builder's work area. It is all very exciting to see the start of this project after 5 years of hard work.

Phase 2 is the surgery and this is where we have the next problem. We cannot find any grants for the surgery so the Village Hall Committee will have to take out a loan of £280,000 which includes £40,000 non returnable VAT. The Health Authority will pay us a yearly rent of £21,000 increasing after 3 years which unfortunately leaves us with a shortfall of £50,000. We already have a loan of £50,000 on the village hall so we cannot overstretch ourselves anymore. Dr. Edwards has nearly 1,000 patients which if the figure was broken down amounts to £50 per patient. Some people have already given or promised money but we would be very grateful for any donation from those 1,000 patients with this last chance to keep open the surgery in Punnetts Town.

Thank you to everyone who supported and helped at our Summer Fete, Barn Dance and Car Boot Sale. A good time was had by all at all 3 events.

We have a **Jumble Sale** on **Saturday, 26th September at 2pm**. Always a popular fundraising event and a good way to clear out some unwanted clutter. This is followed by the **Book and Puzzle Sale** on **Saturday, 24th October 10-12noon**. We always have some really good quality goods on offer so do come along and support it.

The Committee are having a **Charity Collection Stall** at the **Co-op** on **Saturday, 3rd October from 9am – 2pm** to raise awareness of what we are doing in the local community. Hope to see you there.

Our annual **Bonfire and Firework** evening is on **Saturday, 31st October from 6pm**. As this is Halloween there will be a Fancy Dress Competition and a pumpkin lantern competition for children and adults. Both competitions free to enter, just turn up on the night. For those of you who are new to the village this is a good safe family evening entertainment. A Bar B Q, bar and refreshments served all evening, a torchlight procession, bonfire and superb sponsored fireworks run by Kevin Goldsmith. If anyone knows of a fire eater/drumming band/fairground stall, etc please let Maggie know telephone 830645.

We are planning a **Super Craft Fair** with a provisional date of **Saturday, 21st November**. Just in time to buy your Christmas presents. Further details later.

Our final event for the year is carol singing. Last year a group joined together and sang carols round the Christmas tree outside the Barley Mow which was great fun. This will be round about 22nd December, final date and place to be confirmed.

Saturday Talks/Demos in the Village Hall 7.30pm – 10pm. A donation of £2.50 including coffee and cakes. Everyone welcome.

Oct 3rd

Robertsbridge Abbey by Brian Enright – A local landmark.

- Nov 7th** Jill Sones and the Heathfield Millenium Green.
- Dec 5th** With Christmas in Mind by Pam Fuller, just in time for decorations and displays
- Jan 2nd** A talk with slides by Clare Greenyer on India and the Anna Ida Tailoring School

Do pop in to the **Coffee Mornings** held every **Friday** 10.30 – 12.30 for coffee, cakes, plants books and lots of friendly faces.

We have had an offer for a **Concert** in the **New Year** so please look out for posters, etc. The person can fill one half of the concert and wonders whether anyone would be willing to play on perhaps an electric organ/violin/brass instrument, etc for the second half. Please let Maggie know.

We have a new **Craft Group** starting at the village hall on the first Sunday of each month beginning on 1st November. This is being run by a group of bobbin lace makers but is open to **all** craft. It is open from 10-4pm so you can pop in for an hour/morning afternoon or all day and will be made very welcome. They hope this will perhaps lead to some teaching days of various crafts in the future.

It has come to the committee's attention that there is a lot of dog fouling outside peoples' properties, in the lanes and popular footpaths and even in the children's play area. Not only is this not very nice for other people to clear up but it is a health hazard. Please clear up after your dog and take the bags home with you or put them in the bin provided at the recreation ground.

Also on the subject of fouling could people who eat fish and chips please clear up their rubbish especially on the recreation ground.

Finally, Ann Spencer at Country House Interiors and Lighting has some shelves outside her shop and is willing to sell plants and produce from them, funds going to the Village Hall. So if you have any spare, do price them and pop them along to her.

**THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO READ THIS
P.T.V.H. COMMITTEE**